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A New Chance For Rupert

ULL and formal entry of the CBC into Prince Rupert through purchase of radio station CFPR is a move of personal interest to almost everyone in the city.

Probably to a greater extent than most communities, we in this part of the country are radio listeners. More particularly, we are CBC listeners. Although other networks can be picked up with varying degrees of certainty, our nationally-owned system is to us the principal radio service. As a comparatively remote member of the Canadian family we depend on it heavily to make the distance seem less.

While no great change is likely to be noticeable at first, since CFPR has been so closely tied in with the CBC in any case, the appointment of a program director is understood to mean there will be increased attention given to organizing local shows. There is an abundance of talent here and a great deal of interest in promoting radio work. The recent series of broadcasts in which schoolchildren quizzed the city councillors is just one example of how effective a local program can be.

Another result expected of the move is that Prince Rupert will take its place in the CBC network as a sending point as well as a receiving one. This will not only give the city greater prominence on the national scene but also afford the rest of the country a better chance to hear the extraordinary story that is unfolding up here. When shipping men in a port the size of Seattle must organize all their resources to meet Prince Rupert competition for the Alaskan trade, for example, there is a narrative in the making that would surely interest the Canadian public.

Since C. H. Insulander started the station in 1936, he and his colleagues have served Prince Rupert faithfully and well on the air. Their continued presence on the staff will be a source of gratification.

Now the citizens of Prince Rupert, as shareholders in the CBC, have another kind of interest in CFPR—a proprietary one. To a certain extent, therefore, its success depends on us. We welcome the challenge.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Despite scattered clouds which dot the economic horizon fairly liberally right at the moment, the opposition political parties are prepared to concede the government reasonably favorable economic weather for this autumn's general election.

Admittedly several of the familiar storm signals which traditionally precede a business recession are in evidence. Export trade is slipping. Car loadings are down from a year ago. Threats of new obstructions to Canadian imports into the United States persist. Demand is slipping and prices are dropping in respect to base metals which comprise an important factor in Canada's export trade. Food surpluses are accumulating in a manner which clouds the outlook ahead of Canadian agriculture.

All these factors easily could bring about a business recession which would be reflected in an inevitable measure of public discontent. Parliament Hill's opposition parties recognize that a psychology of discontent amongst the voters at election time would be in their favor. Nevertheless, they aren't anxious to win political success at such a price.

Furthermore, the most dependable amongst the Federal economists have assured them that a let-down of business isn't going to happen—not until late 1954 at the earliest. Here's how these experts size up the situation:

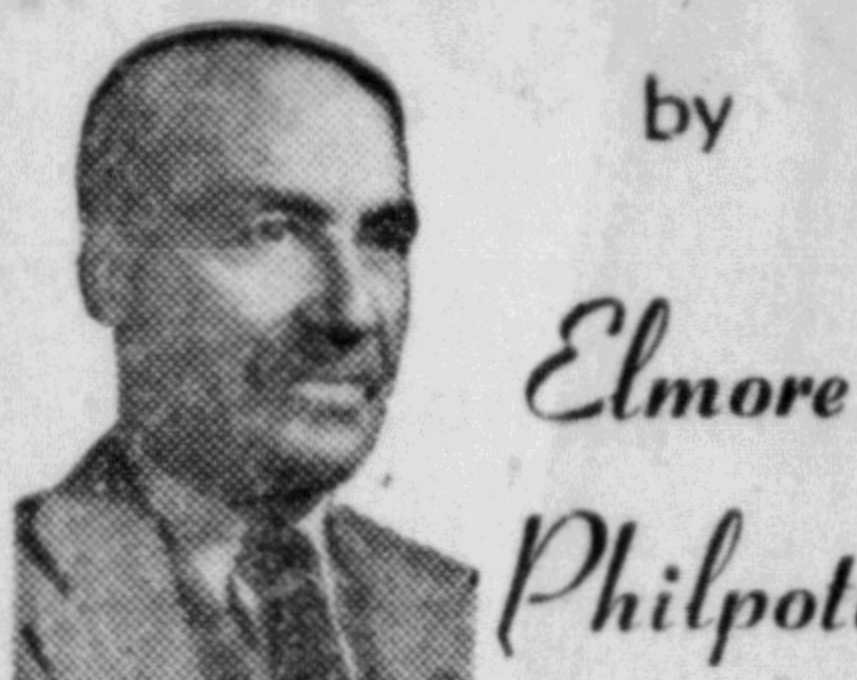
Business is generally good, even if at the retail and wholesale levels and in some of the textile and needle-work trades it could be better. Employment is higher than a year ago. Pay envelopes are being stuffed to record thickness. Prices are levelling off steadily from the danger point of inflation and buying is being made more attractive all the time for consumers with wants to fill.

The drop in export trade is largely a matter of lower prices rather than of lessened volume. The slump in car loadings reflects simply a normal flow of western grain this year contrasted with last year's abnormal marketings. The drop in the value of the Canadian dollar bids fair to stimulate foreign buying in this market.

Most important of all, the natural resources development boom is showing no signs of weakening; and it is becoming abundantly apparent that recent overtures of friendliness from Moscow aren't going to lessen substantially the government's defence purchasing program.

With all these factors in the economic picture, Parliament Hill experts just can't picture the reigning Liberals having to fight the coming election in heavy economic weather. The economists figure that the economic situation in the fall is going to be perhaps one of the strongest factors that the government forces will have in their favor. The opposition parties are content to have it that way. They believe that the taxation issue will win for them, and they aren't anxious to have attention diverted from it by any adverse economic developments.

As I See It



Three Sample Votes

MANY people in B.C. are still bewildered by the confused, switch-vote system which gave us the muddle of the past year.

Unless sensible people keep clearly in mind how the system works we could get another stalemate.

Below I take three sample constituencies and show how sensible supporters of the three parties opposed to this government can co-operate for a good result.

MY FIRST example is Salmon Arm where the former MLA was Mr. Reid, who made in the Legislature the infamous charges against B.C. school teaching.

Here, for instance, is how sensible Liberals could mark their ballots to make sure of getting rid of Mr. Reid, and so dissociating the name of Salmon Arm from the charges which were rather belatedly repudiated by Mr. Reid's own leader.

Carmichael, Liberal 1
Ritchie, Conservative 2
Thompson, CCF 3
Liberals might prefer to give their number 2 to CCF and number 3 to the Conservative. That's a personal matter. The important thing is, under no circumstances should Liberals, Conservatives or CCF voters put down the Social Credit candidate for any of their choices if they don't want Mr. Reid back in there to do it again.

ANOTHER key riding is Vancouver Burrard. Intelligent voting by the Liberals, Conservatives and CCF can make sure of the defeat of Mr. Eric Martin—the Scored cabinet minister who illegally "forgave" hospital insurance "tax dodgers" to the extent of one million dollars in arrears—passing the burden on to law abiding citizens who have paid all along.

Here is how an intelligent Conservative voter would mark his or her ballot in Burrard to make sure of getting rid of Martin and Co.

Conservative candidate 1
Liberal candidate 2
CCF candidate 3
The Liberal supporter would vote for the Liberal candidate first choice and the CCF and Conservatives second and third choices. Under no circumstances should any Liberal, CCF or Conservative give any choices to the Social Credit candidate—in Burrard or anywhere in B.C.

Many people do not yet understand that a second, third or fourth choice vote is just as important as the first choice vote. In some ways the lower choices are more important—for they are not used unless the race is a very close thing.

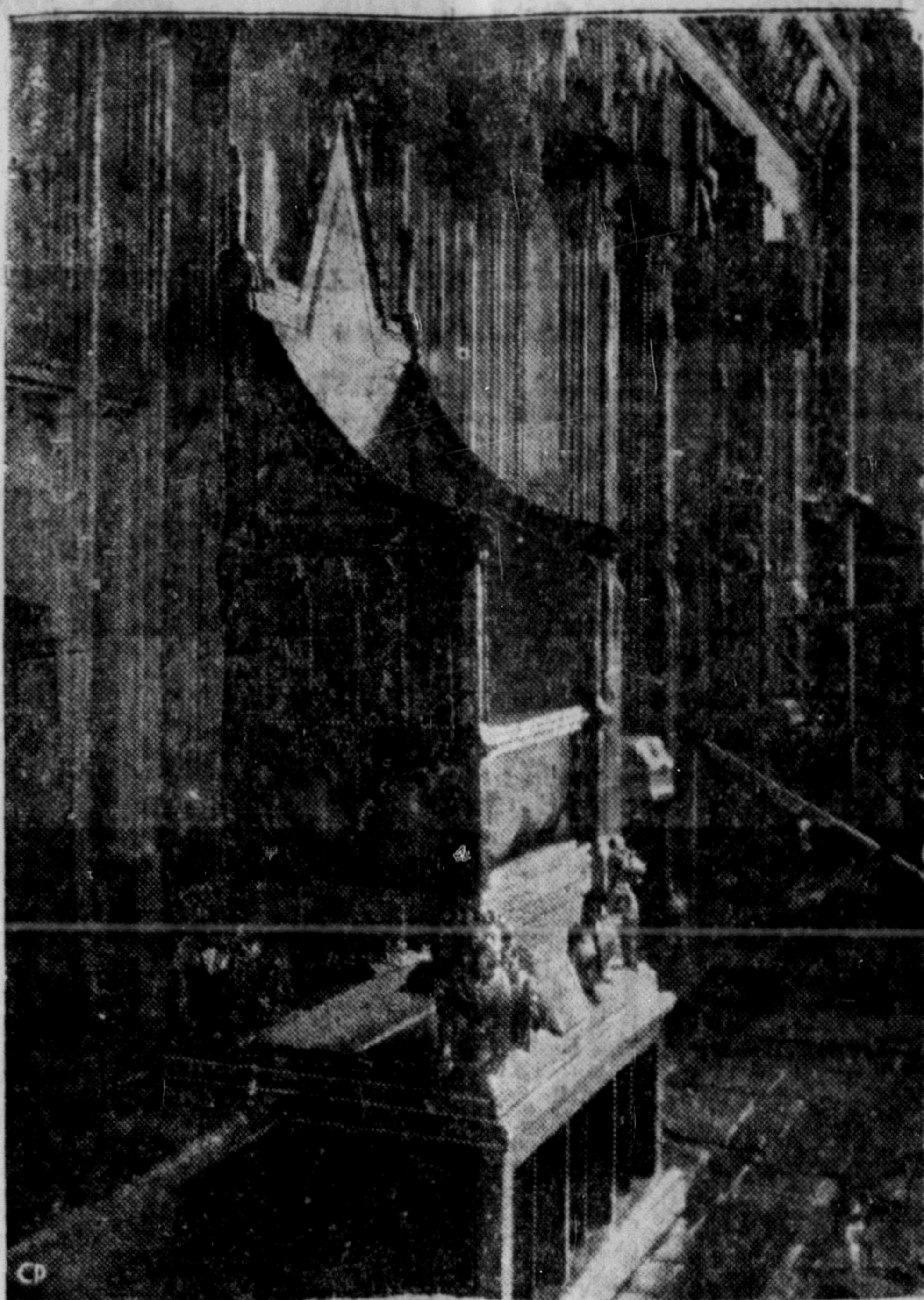
ANOTHER riding in which there is keen interest is Vancouver Point Grey. Had the CCF given their second choices to the Liberals in the last election all three Point Grey seats would have gone Liberal.

As we know, the CCF voters actually committed the unbelievable blunder of giving most of their second choices to the Scoreds—since clearly revealed to be the arch-enemy of everything the CCF has ever stood for.

Here is proof of how important the CCF second choice votes are in this riding. If all the CCF give their second choice votes on Ballot C to Art Laing he will surely be elected. If, on Ballot B, CCF voters give their second choices to the veteran Conservative George Miller, he too is bound to win.

Miller, of course, is the man who showed that the Rolston school tax formula means an extra \$36 per year in school taxes for the average Vancouver home owner by the year, 1956.

Don't forget... HEAR GRACE MacINNIS TONIGHT SONS OF NORWAY HALL 8:00 P.M. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE C.C.F.



THIS IS THE HISTORIC Coronation chair in which Queen Elizabeth will be crowned June 2 in Westminster Abbey. It will be moved from its usual position in the Abbey (shown here) to a position in front of the high altar for the ceremonies. Beneath the seat is the Stone of Scone brought from Scotland in 1297 to be added to the Abbey's royal trappings involved in the crowning ritual. The Stone was stolen Christmas day, 1950, but was recovered.

Reporters of Three National News Agencies To Tell Coronation Story

LONDON (CP) — Reporters of three great national news agencies will tell the Coronation story for The Daily News, and other members of the Canadian Press.

Although there will be no paper next Tuesday, their stories will be relayed for publication in other editions.

Early on June 2 four Canadian Press staff men will be deployed along the procession route and in Westminster Abbey, alert to catch the unique flavor of Imperial pageantry and ancient ceremony.

Their work will dovetail with that of Reuters, British agency which operates on a world-wide basis, and of The Associated Press, the United States co-operative which also reports for the world. Reuters and AP have each concentrated in London the biggest corps of reporters ever mobilized to cover a single story in the United Kingdom.

Their reports are available in Canada through a long-standing alliance with CP.

CP's on-the-spot coverage will be directed by Alan Harvey, London bureau chief, who has been assigned a place in Westminster Abbey for the ceremony. His Coronation staff consists of Arch MacKenzie, of London bureau, David McIntosh of Ottawa bureau, who travelled to England with the Canadian naval contingent, and Forbes Rhude, CP's business editor, who will hurry to London after the International Chamber of Commerce meeting at Vienna to lend a hand with Coronation-coverage preparations.

Harvey, whose sensitive story on the funeral of King George VI was hailed by Canadian newspapers as outstanding, is a native of Toronto. MacKenzie, young veteran of several CP bureaus, is a Reginan. Rhude—best known for his back-grounded feature stories on aspects of national development — is a Prince Edward Islander. McIntosh, former CP news editor at Halifax and Vancouver and now attached to parliamentary staff at Ottawa, was born in Sherbrooke, Que.

Ronald MacLurkin, Reuters chief reporter in the United Kingdom, will head that agency's reporting staff inside Westminster Abbey. Reuters' running account from the abbey and the procession route will be co-ordinated by Stuart Underhill, their North American editor, formerly of Vancouver and one-time CP bureau chief in London and New York.

Among the corps of 40 Associated Press reporters and editors will be two Pulitzer Prize winners, Reiman Morin and Hal Boyle.

The Queen leaves Buckingham Palace at 10:26 a.m. BST (2:26 PDT). The procession is due to reach Westminster Abbey at 11 a.m. (3 a.m. PDT). The Coronation ceremony takes 2½ hours.

Veteran Organist MONTREAL (CP)—After holding the post for 40 years, J. E. F. Martin is retiring as organist and choirmaster of the Anglican Church of St. James the Apostle. Native of Wales, he came here from Edinburgh as a youth.

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VICTORIA REPORT By J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—The voters of the northwest ridings of the province, of which Prince Rupert is the chief point, were just about average when it came to turning out at the polls in the June election last year.

The overall provincial average was 68.53 per cent.

The ridings in the Kootenay country and on Vancouver Island all had percentages in the 70's. Only two—Yale and Oak Bay—went into the 80's.

However, Vancouver was way down—the lowest about 51 per cent, and the highest, 64 per cent.

Prince Rupert riding turned out 68.71 per cent of the registered voters.

In Atlin riding it was 64.04 per cent; in Skeena, 69.89 per cent, and in Omineca, 68.55.

B.C.'s first election, after it joined Canadian Confederation, was a piece-meal affair. The elections in the various ridings were not all held the same day. Victoria led off, and then, for weeks, the other ridings held their elections. There was no party politics in those days, however, so the bandwagon idea couldn't very well prevail.

The first election after Confederation was in Victoria, Oct. 16, 1871, and it wasn't until the Legislature met in February of 1872 that the public knew the membership of the House, listed as follows:

Victoria city—J. F. McCreight, attorney-general and Premier, Hon. James Trimble, Simeon Duck and Robt. Beaven; Victoria district—Amor deCosmos and Arthur Bunster; Esquimalt—Hon. A. Locke Robertson, Colonial Secretary, and Henry Cogan; Cowichan—Wm. Smith and J. P. Boothe; Nanaimo—John Robson; New Westminster—J. C. Hughes, Wm. J. Armstrong; Yale—Robt. Smith, Jas. Robinson, Chas. Semlin; Lillooet—T. B. Humphreys, J. T. Jamieson; Cariboo—Joseph Hunter, Cornelius Booth; Kootenay—J. A. Mara, and Todd.

Surely there has been no more colorful politician in all B.C. history than Amor deCosmos. The more one looks into his life the more fascinating and extraordinary it becomes. After the first election in Victoria district, according to The Colonist, "Mr. deCosmos thanked the electors for returning him and burst into a flood of tears, which choked his utterances for some minutes."

Amor, the minute he was elected, started campaigning for the Premiership. The Colonist, though founded by him, by that time had completely turned against him, he having long since sold his interest in the paper.

To deflate deCosmos in his ambition for the Premiership, The Colonist ran the following: "Mud Bay—exclusive to The British Colonist—The following named gentlemen will be gazetted as Ministers immediately, if

not sooner: Provincial Secretary, Hon. Amor deCosmos, salary, 800 pounds; Commissioner of Lands and Works, Hon. Amor deCosmos, salary, 800 pounds; Attorney-General, A. deCosmos, salary, 800 pounds; First Minister (without portfolio), Mr. deCosmos; second minister (with portfolio), deCosmos.

"This intelligence may be relied upon. The gentlemen enter upon the discharge of duties when they are gazetted. They are all able men. Whether this scorn did or not, deCosmos did not seek the Premiership that time. A Foster McCreight became the first Premier; deCosmos was the Premiership, however, 23, 1872. There is no record to whether or not he burst into tears upon hearing the news."

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CORONATION COMMITTEE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

The following groups have entered one or more floats in the Coronation Parade for June 2, 1953:

Dan's Service Station. Ideal Cleaners. Frizzell Motor Products Ltd. Prince Rupert Fire Department Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. Nelson Bros. Fisheries. Ellis Airlines. Sunrises Grocery. Rupert Bakery.

Boy Scouts Association. Prince Rupert Air Cadets. Prince Rupert Sea Cadets. Girl Guides. Royal Canadian Navy. Royal Canadian Army Corps. Kinsmen. Loyal Order of the Moose. Native Chiefs.

Electrical Workers' Union. Canadian Legion. Whalen's Cartage. M. J. Saunders. Northern B.C. Power Co. Ltd. Telephone Company. Trades & Labour Council. Carpenters' Union. Chinese Community.

To avoid confusion, and to permit proper assignment of all floats in the parade, any further entries must be made in writing and mailed by Thursday, May 28, 1953, at 6 p.m. and addressed to the Parade Chairman, P.O. Box 463, City.

In view of the occasion, decoration of floats is to conform to a National and/or Industrial motif, combined with the Coronation theme.

A. E. Anfield General Chairman, Celebration Committee.